Smith Heads Ruritan Club

Spout Spring Ruritan Club held a dinner and installation Monday evening with David Smith (2nd from left) installed as president to succeed Kit Reynolds (standing next). Other officers are (from left): Rev. L. L. Schwemer, director, David Smith, Kit Reynolds, R. M. Harris, vice president; Sam Davidson, secy.; Dick Dickerson, treas.; Dennis Torrence, Vocational Agriculture instructor, who installed the new officers. Ladies of Old Concord Presbyterian Church served a delicious dinner at the church.

PAMPLIN

Santa Claus will come to Town Saturday, December 18th, at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Ruritan Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lucado, Jr. of Fredericksburg announce the birth of a son, born Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hixand Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington attended the Old Dominion Division of Dairymen in Atlanta, Ga., for the annual convention.

Capt. and Mrs. Paul Bishop have

Capt. and Mrs. Paul Bishop have returned to Bowling Green Ky. after a visit with Mrs. Bishop's mother, Mrs. W. C. Paulette.

Miss Lisa Hamilton of Accomkeck and Miss Sally Farrar, both students at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McD. Farrar.

Mr. Douglas Jamerson of Raleigh, N. C, returned home last week after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Earnest Jamerson.

Mrs. H. E. Carwile, Jr. is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital where she is undergoing test.

Mr. Donald Morris of Darlington Heights is undergoing treatment at the Southside Community Hospital.

The Youth of Pamplin United Methodist Church will present a "Contemporary presentation" for Christmas on Sunday, December 19th at 6p.m.

Evergreen United Methodist Church will have a "Christmas Program" Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Mrs. Richard Williams and Emily returned home Monday after a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shepherd and family in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Herman Katorsky is a patient in the Medical Center, Jersey Shore Neptune, N. J. Mrs. Katorsky is the former Kathleen Beale.

Mrs. F. M. Alley and Mat Lair left Wednesday from the Kennedy Airport, for Frankfurt, Germany to visit Mrs. Alley's son.

Mr. Charlie Semester is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

The Ruritan Club held its monthly meeting at the Elementary School last Friday night.

Southside Lodge, AF & AM met Monday night when the following officers were elected and installed: Edward Harvey worshipful master; Howard T. Williams, Jr., senior warden; Russell Carson, junior warden; Weldon Covington, treasurer; Lloyd Richardson, secretary; Howard Johnson, senior deacon; Lewis Harris, junior deacon.

Modernistic Club

Calling all Modernistic Club members to attend the last meeting for the year of 1971. The hostess urges you to be present and on time. We are hoping for a brief business meeting, after the dinner hour after which, we look forward to having a little fun. Come, and don't forget the date, Dec. 17th at 6:00 p.m.

The Leaders of Galilee Baptist urge you to attend the annual Christmas program at the Church Saturday, December 18 from seven (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) to eight. We also invite our friends to come out, and see what the children are doing.

We thank the parents for helping us make the program as successful as possible, by coming with the children to practice. We appreciate your interest in the cause and we trust that your interest will continue.

The Senior choir is looking forward to a successful "Candlelight Service", Sunday, Dec. 19th from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please come on time, and you will get out on time.

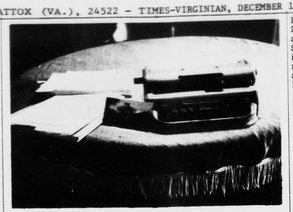
We invite our sister churches to come and share with us on the program. The choir is looking to see you and you at the program.

Word has just come to us of the passing of our beloved friend, the late Rev. Tom Wright of Montgomery, West, Va. The church sympathizes deeply with the family and especially Mrs. Ada Nowlin, who is a faithful member of Galilee Baptist and a sister of the deceased. The late Rev. Wright was born and reared in Appomattox, Va. and was one of the oldest members of the church. Funeral service is incomplete at this writing. (Rev. Wright was eighty-six years old.)

Rehearsals for the senior choir of the church, Wednesday before the 1st Sunday, Wed. before the 3rd Sunday in the month. Rehearsals for the Childrens Choir immediately following Sunday School, on the 2nd Sunday in the month. The junior choir, Tuesday before the 1st Sunday, Tuesday before the third Sunday in the month. Please keep the rehearsals in mind.

In and out of town: Miss G. B. Stevens attended the meeting of Lynchburg Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Sunday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Soror Pauline Maloney. The meeting was informative, enjoyable and well attended. She also made a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson while in the Hill City.

"See you next week."



Qualifies As Braille Writer

The machine (above) is a Braille writer and Mrs. Frank Schampel, formerly of Chicago and now a resident of Appomattox county, has qualified as a certified braillist, a certification granted by the Library of Congress. The Braille writer is operated somewhat like a standard typewriter, but the letters and words formed are in the special "handwriting" for the blind, raised dots. Position of the dots tells a Braille reader what the word or letters are. To qualify for certification, Mrs. Schambel studied through the Hadley School for the Blind, Winnetka, Illinois. She prepared a 35 page manuscript for the exacting Library of Congress examinations. The can both teach Braille and transcribe a printed page into Braille. Mr. and Mrs. Schampel are constructing a home near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel in the Clover Hill district.

WILDLIFE NEEDS DISCUSSED

by Robert E. McClenny, Jr.

Conservation needs of wildlife in Appomattox County was presented to students at Appomattox Intermediate School by Robert McClenny, Jr., District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service. Many students are engaged in writing essays for the annual contest sponsored by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. The slides presentation was to enrich the students' understanding about wildlife needs and provide background information for the essay.

"Everyone can provide something beneficial for wildlife," McClenny said. He encouraged the group to learn the species of wildlife, their relation to the environment and their needs.

"Many native plans provide food for wildlife — know them and maintain some," he said. He pointed out that more pasture and livestock destroy wildlife habitat unless we provide wildlife areas near areas where nature's supplies have been destroyed. Feed patches seeded on unused areas such as power line right-of-ways, edges of fields, etc. . provide food and nesting cover for wildlife. Small areas of hardwood along with feed patches would provide food and cover near areas recently burned for reforestation.

"Even city folks can provide for wildlife," the conservationist continued. Many species of ornamental plants feed wildlife. Farm youngsters can build nesting boxes for wood ducks and squirrels. Those in town can provide nesting cavities for bluebirds.

"Another need in Appomattox County is to develop more water. We have only one lake over 100 acres and we share it with Buckingham. There are about 200 farm ponds averaging an acre in size. Soil Conservation Service studies show that there is potential for dozens of lakes ranging from 2 to 400 acres, and hundreds of small ponds," McClenny stated.

"Silt pollution (muddy water) is still a major problem," he continued. The James River is said to be too thick to drink and too thin to plow. Mud is abrasive to fish gills and lungs. Sunlight cannot penetrate muddy water to stimulate growth of microscopic plants used by fish. Fish eggs smother in mud. Mud comes from farmland with poor conservation practices. "We have the know-how to control erosion on farmland. We can if the farmer is willing to cooperate with the soil conservation district," he said.

Erosion from housing projects and developments is on the increase and more difficult to combat. Most farmers look forward to improving their land. They realize the same land will have to be used over and over by succeeding generations. Urban developers use land only once and have less interest in protecting it from erosion, even though they could easily reduce erosion.

The recreation value of the James River is greatly reduced because of its heavy load of municipal and industrial pollution and limited access. This river was once the best smallmouth bass stream in the eastern United States.

Pesticides, fire prevention, confining pets, obeying hunting laws and respect for landowner's property was discussed.

"As our population grows, areas used by wildlife will shrink. Their population will also decline unless we know what wildlife needs and provide it," he concluded.

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